



Fern MacDonal

February 7, 1980 - August 12, 2024

Fern MacDonal, of Belle Isle, Orlando, passed away on 12 August 2024. She was born in London on 7 February 1980 to Frances & Iain MacDonal, who returned to live in Ireland when she was aged 15 months.

Fern was educated at St. Edan's Primary School in Ferns, Co Wexford, Ireland, then Gorey Community School and finally obtained her bachelor's degree in Dublin City University. She qualified as a Chartered Accountant whilst working with Ernst & Young in Dublin and moved to work in their offices in Moscow before locating to Orlando in 2008. For the past six years, she had enjoyed working as CFO for Accesso Technology Group PLC.

Fern embraced life in Orlando and had numerous interests which she pursued wholeheartedly - as she did with every aspect of her life. She ran in numerous marathons, enjoyed baking, crafts and belonged to book clubs through which she found many close friends to whom she was generous and kind.

Her personal life was transformed when she met her partner, Troy Kelly, and by the birth of their son, Finn; motherhood proved to be another calling at which she excelled.

She is mourned by a heart-broken Troy and Finn, her parents, her brother Robert and his wife, Susan, her extended family, friends and colleagues.

"Nil bheidh a leithead aris ann"

In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Fern's loving memory to:

Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/0stpiw>

Or

Hope Cancer Support Centre:

<https://www.hopesupportcentre.ie/getting-involved/donate/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ A Community Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fern MacDonald



A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - August 27, 2024 at 10:55 AM

BB

I never imagined that the last time I would see Fern would be waving hello to her from the monorail at Disney World. I met Fern at book club. She was such a wonderful person. She was always funny and always caring about what you were going through. I will miss her and all the posts about her and her beautiful son. Rest in Peace, Fern. Thank you for always making me feel welcomed and seen. ❤️❤️

Beverly Barrett - September 08, 2024 at 06:57 PM

PA

“ *I've just seen this dreadful news and I'm finding it hard to believe. There are no words that I can say that would express how overwhelming this must be for you Frances, Iain, Robert and for Troy and their beautiful son Finn. Life is too cruel to take such a beautiful woman in every way away from those she loves so soon.*
Tricia Austin

Patricia Austin - October 09, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JF

“ Whilst I never had the privilege of knowing Fern, I knew her mother very well, from the time we shared working in Tokyo in the late 70s. I am struck by the remarkable resemblance of Fern to her mother Frances, as I so clearly remember her. I am deeply saddened by the news of Fern's untimely death and my heart goes out to her husband, children and immediate family who will be grieving for a long time to come. I feel very much for you all, as just now, with great trepidation, I wait for the death of my partner who, at 41 years old, is suffering from terminal lymphoma cancer and has barely months to live. The best we can do is recall that all our lives are like straws in the wind and each of us knoweth not the time of our own demise. Remember the joy that our dear ones gave us, and weep no more. - John Foulkes-Jones, Grantham, UK

John Foulkes-Jones - September 28, 2024 at 11:10 AM

OL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Fern's passing today. I worked briefly on a project with her last year but even so, she made an impact on me. She was an absolute professional in everything she did but still had a sense of humour and was great to deal with it. I can see from all the messages here that she was loved by so many. Condolences to Fern's family and friends at this sad time.

From all the Fidelia team

Orla Linehan - September 20, 2024 at 09:20 AM

BS

“ Dear Fern,

It is hard to find the right words, but I have to try. You have been such a cherished part of my life, a wonderful friend and colleague who was always there for me. I never imagined I would have to write this — my heart feels so heavy with the weight of losing you.

Your sudden passing has broken all of us, and I can only begin to understand the immense pain your family must be going through. I wish I could reach them, to let them know how much you meant to everyone whose lives you touched. You had a gift for precision at work, but more than that, you had a heart that was pure and full of kindness. You brought light into every space you entered, and now that light feels like it is missing.

Fern, you will be missed for as long as I walk this earth. Thank you for being part of my journey. You have left an irreplaceable mark on my heart, and I will carry your memory with me always.

*Lovingly,
Balaji K S*

Balaji K S - September 16, 2024 at 07:54 AM

BB

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Beverly Barrett - September 08, 2024 at 07:00 PM

DF

“ Fern, you succeeded, excelled in everything you did.

There was no secret to it, you just worked hard, dreamed big and accomplished things with a steady mind and an open heart. Anybody who had the great luck of knowing you has been enriched by the experience.

You were that rarest of human being : trustworthy and trusting, selfless and effortlessly great company and there is no doubt I am a better man thanks to you.

I will cherish forever the incredible memories of our youth when all possibilities stretched out before us and the world was so exciting.

I'm glad you reached your goals and found the happiness you so richly deserved.

Now your journey is done my heart goes out to Frances, Iain and Robert, to your own family, and all those you loved and who loved you, because they will miss you so much.

Thanks for having been in our universe, of having been born in our time.

Derek Fennell - September 08, 2024 at 11:46 AM

R(

“ Sending lots of love and strength to Aunty Frances, Iain, Robert and Finn. You are all in the thoughts of your family today and every day. Rest in peace dear cousin Fern 💕💕

Rosemary Mans (Power) - September 08, 2024 at 05:46 AM

DB

“ Fern was the most caring and loyal person I have ever known. She was always there for me through school, college and more. I will miss her more than I can ever express. Our lives are better for knowing her. My thoughts and deepest condolences are with Troy, Finn, Frances, Iain & Robert during this difficult time.

Darren Byrne - September 06, 2024 at 06:04 PM

BF

“ Iain.....So very sorry to hear about the sad passing of your beautiful daughter Fern.
Sincere condolences to you, Frances, Robert & all the family.
We hope the cherished memories that you have of Fern will give you comfort at this difficult time & her spirit will remain in the hearts of all who knew & loved her especially her dear little boy Finn.
You are all in our thoughts & prayers.
" Ar dheis de go raibh a hanam "
Brigina Fogarty & family.

Brigina Fogarty - September 05, 2024 at 03:27 PM

RM

“ My deepest sympathy to Frances, Iain and family and to Troy and Finn. What a terrible tragedy. My thoughts are with you at this very sad time.

Rose Moore - September 05, 2024 at 11:01 AM

EC

“ I recall Fern from my days at Gorey Community School. A bright, bubbly young girl with an infectious laugh. My deepest sympathy to Iain & family on their loss . Eamonn Carter

Eamonn Carter - September 04, 2024 at 06:54 AM

UO

“ *Very sad to hear of Fern’s death. You are all in my thoughts and prayers Úna O’Connor*

Una Oconnor - September 02, 2024 at 04:10 PM

SH

“ *So saddened to hear Ferns passing. I went to Gorey Community School with Fern. She was always so lovely, kind and gentle. Thinking of her family at this very sad time. May her Gentle Soul Rest in Peace x*

Sarah Hughes - September 02, 2024 at 10:26 AM

AD

“ *We were the lucky ones.*

Ann Dennis - August 31, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JH

“ *Deepest sympathy to Frances, Iain and family, and to Fern's partner and her little boy. So sad, too soon. Julie Heslin and John O'Leary*

Julie Heslin - August 27, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened to hear about this lost. My heart goes out to everyone at Accesso and Fern MacDonald family. Wishing you all strength and comfort during this hard time. Please know that my thoughts are with you, even though we haven't personally worked together I anyway am here for you if you need anything.*

Marco Conti - August 27, 2024 at 04:46 AM

MC

“ Francis Iain Robert Susan Troy and Finn sincere sympathy to you all ,such sadness ,I have no words.
May Fern rest in peace. May Carty.

May Carty - August 26, 2024 at 08:01 AM

CK

“ Sincere sympathy to Frances Iain and family,
it's hard to find adequate words. You are in my
thoughts and prayers.
Clare Kelly



Clare Kelly - August 24, 2024 at 09:57 AM

JF

“ Deepest sympathy to Iain Frances and Robert on the death of the
beloved Fern. Many happy memories around “The Bay” when the
kids were young. Thinking of you at this very sad time. Jim and
Deirdre.

Jim French - August 24, 2024 at 08:01 AM

MF

“ Deepest sympathy to Iain and Frances on the death of their beloved
daughter, Fern. It is so unfair, so sad. Thinking of you and sending
warm thoughts your way.

Margaret Fitzpatrick - August 23, 2024 at 04:30 PM

HB

“ Our sincere sympathy to Frances, Iain, Robert, Troy and little Finn
on the death of Fern. We are thinking of you all at this very sad
time. Helen and Rory

Helen and Rory Battigan - August 23, 2024 at 01:28 PM

PF

“ *Deepest sympathy to Frances, Iain and family on the the sad passing of Fern. We wish we could be there to support you but we are all thinking of you. May Fern rest in peace.
Paula Forte, Co. Wexford garden & Flower Club.*

Paula Forte - August 23, 2024 at 11:46 AM

IG

“ *Sincere condolences to Frances, Iain and all the family. My deep and heartfelt sympathy to you all at this very sad time.*

Irene Graham - August 22, 2024 at 02:06 PM

LM

“ *Our deepest condolences to Iain , Frances , Robert , Susan , Troy and gorgeous Finn. Words cannot express our sadness for you all. Fern was loved by all and we have lots of happy memories of her especially as a little girl in Ireland. We are sending our love to you all at this very sad time. Always in our hearts love Robert, Lynn, Daisy, Jessica and Emily x*

lynn and robert macdonald - August 20, 2024 at 03:03 PM

AJ

“ A Snapshot of 17 years.

Your dad drawing me tookers, cooker was not in my vocabulary.

Your mum explaining the correct way to do things.

The arrival of your little brother, so much cuter than my two.

Picnics in rowboats on the front lawn, what adventures

Sending presents to Bosco, a generation has no clue what a star they were.

Teaching our dolls and trying to teach our brothers, will they ever listen!

Making plans of what we would become, you made it.

Magic food that let us stay up after bedtime, takeaway was such a treat.

Mac in pedal boats, heading out to the big sea.

Your nan replacing buttons on my favourite dress, blue with roses.

Trip to Kerry in the back of a van, highclass all the way.

Camping in Dunmore east, your dad was a saint.

Bring and buy sale on the front steps, we were going to change the world for the better.

Shouting “He’s behind you” from the box. After dinner in Captain America, it’s no ordinary Panto.

Flying to London on our own at ten

All the MacDonalds putting us up and entertaining us, Winsor safari park, the amusement park by the sea, London on the underground.

Your mum explaining what my mum couldn’t bring herself to, Boys and such, I’m always grateful for that.

Confirmation in Ferns, so new to me but not as different when I look back.

Finally, being in the same school and the new changes.....

Discovering boys and heartbreak, laughter and music.

The above is only a small sample of the shared experiences, 17 years can’t fit on a page

The paths taken in different directions, can’t change the journey we shared

Memories that are mine and yours alone.

Rest in Peace my Old Friend.

Love Aoife

Aoife Jordan - August 20, 2024 at 06:31 AM

FR

Dear Aoife - you encapsulated a major part of our lives with Fern with your lovely comments, a very precious and happy time. We are thinking of you too and send our love.

Frances - September 12, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *My abiding memory of Fern is reading. Playing at her house as a child we would devour books - Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl, all the usuals. But then we'd go and have our own adventures in the grounds of her house, exploring every nook and cranny, creating our own stories. Such heartbreaking news to hear that Fern's story has ended this way. But it hasn't really - she will live on through the memories that we all have of her, but especially those of Ian, Frances, Robert and Troy. And of course, her spirit will forever live in Finn.
Rest in peace Fern.*

Jonathan Hatton-Harte Barry - August 20, 2024 at 04:33 AM

AB

“ *I was saddened and shocked to hear of Fern's passing. We were in school together in Loreto and Gorey Community School and I remember her as a lovely person who exuded an aura of quiet confidence and kindness in her interactions with others.
Thinking of her family and friends at this time.
Ann Marie Bernie*

Ann Marie Bernie - August 19, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LK

“ Oh my goodness.. I'm so so sorry to hear this awfully sad news. I remember Fern fondly from our school days in the Loreto particularly. Fern was such an intelligent and friendly girl. I used to enjoy keeping up with her life in Orlando and watching her beautiful son Finn grow.. May her beautiful kind soul RIP

Laura Keegan - August 19, 2024 at 09:48 AM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to Frances, Ian and all the family. Fern was a wonderful person, such a terrible loss.
Emma Leeson

Emma Leeson - August 19, 2024 at 08:22 AM

MP

I am so sorry to hear about Fern. I send my love to all her family who must be devastated.

Margery Powell - August 20, 2024 at 02:55 AM

EM

“ Sincere condolences to Frances and Iain, Robert and Susan and to Troy and Finn. May Fern rest in peace. 🙏🕯️

Eileen Moriarty - August 17, 2024 at 06:20 PM

LF

“*Fern, you had so much grace; gave such heartfelt advice. You made me be a better mom for sure and I took the chance we talked about. Thank you. Wish we had more time. So few are like you. I'll join the rest of your friends and family in reminding Finn always how brave and thoughtful you were.*



Lizbeth Fernandez - August 17, 2024 at 03:23 PM

SO

“*Sending my deepest condolences to Frances, Iain, Robert, Susan, and to Troy and Finn, on the loss of your beloved Fern. She was a dear friend to me during our time together in Gorey Community School, and I will always remember her fondly and with love. Suaimhneas síoraí di. May she rest in peace. Sinéad O'Hart (Ned)*

Sinéad O'Hart - August 17, 2024 at 11:26 AM

IB

With deepest sympathy to Frances Iain Robert Susan Troy and Finn on Fern's passing. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Ivy Bergin Ferns .

ivy bergin - September 07, 2024 at 04:00 PM

MM

“ Dearest Fern,
Like everything in life, you showed your illness determination,
strength and resilience. Well played Fern. I will miss your beautiful
smile and positive presence. To my very dear friends Frances, Iain,
Robert and Susan I am broken hearted for you. May Fern's love for
Troy and Finn sustain them as time moves on.

Muireann Morris - August 17, 2024 at 05:21 AM

PO

*My thoughts are very much with you Frances and Iain and to your
family, no one should have to experience the pain I can only imagine
you are all going through.*

Philomena O'Dowd - August 17, 2024 at 03:05 PM

CY

“ My deepest sympathy to Iain, Frances and all the family. Such a sad
loss for you all,
Chris Yates

Chris Yates - August 17, 2024 at 03:30 AM